Malpractices in Issue of Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

4050. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount incurred on purchase of medicines (listed and non-listed separately alongwith medicines names) in the CGHS dispensaries situated in Delhi from April, 1995 to March, 1997, dispensary-wise, month-wise;

(b) whether most of the medicines are issued to CGHS/Health Ministry staff only without examining the patients;

(c) who is the competent authority to sanction above medicines;

(d) whether pharmacists in the dispensary are not issuing medicines to the patient properly on the excuse of non-availability of medicines and not sending the general indent in time;

(e) the time taken for sending general indent medicines in the dispensary; and

(f) by when Government propose to stop such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALP): (a) Separate expenditure is not maintained for each CGHS dispensary. However, the total expenditure incurred on account of the purchase of the medicines from Medical Store Organisation (MSO), DGMS and authorised local chemists from April, 1995 to March, 1997 is given as under:—

Year	Expenditure incurred on purchase of medicines from MSO	Expenditure incurred on purchase from local Chemists
1995-96	Rs. 18,11,79,000/-	Rs. 22,42,85,201/-
1996-97 upto 1st March 1997.	Rs. 21,70,03,000/-	Rs. 21,81,63,232/-

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) All listed medicines are prescribed by the treatment doctors and are issued through dispensing counters by the Pharmacists of the concerned dispensaries. The available listed medicines are issued to the beneficiaries by the Pharmacist of the concerned dispensary through the dispensing counter against valid prescriptions. In case of non-availability of the medicines prescribed by the Specialist, the same are procured from the authorised local chemist and supplied to the beneficiaries. In case of emergency, an authority slip is issued to the beneficiaries for collecting the required medicines directly from authorised local chemist without making any payment.

(e) The indent for replenishment of the stock of non-available listed items with dispensary is placed peridocally i.e. once in two months for bulk supply and other by Van/by hand to Medical Store Depot to supplement the supply of medicines as per requirement of the dispensary.

(f) The question does not arise.

Setting up of CGHS Polyclinics in the Capital

4051. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS has set-up some polyclinics in various areas of the Capital to provide specialist facilities to its beneficiaries;

(b) the number and location of these polyclinics and the facilities available there; and

(c) whether it is proposed to set up a polyclinic in the vicinity of Sansad Vihar, Outer Ring Road, Pitampura, Rohini area where a large number of working and retired Government servants are residing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSITCE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) At present, four polyclinics are serving the beneficiaries of CGHS (Delhi) at the locations/with the facilities as mentioned below:—

1. **Kasturba Nagar**

Specialist facilities for Dental, Medical, Surgical, Gynaecology, Dermatology and Radiology in addition to Lab. facilities.

2. **Pusa Road**

Specialist facilities for Medical, Skin, Eye, Gynaecology, Dental and Paediatrics in Addition to Lab. facilities.

3. **Laxmi Nagar**

Specialist facilities for Medical and Eye in addition to Lab facilities.

4. **Janakpuri**

Specialist facilities for Medical, Skin and Gynaecology in addition to Lab. facilities.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Confederation of Indian Food and Trade Industry urging Government against Food Adulteration

4052. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the confederation of the Indian Food and Trade Industry has urged Government against the Food Adulteration Act which has become obsolate in view of the liberalisation and modernisation; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The Confederation of Indian Food and Trade Industry have suggested some amendments to the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

(b) Government is seized of the proposed amendments.

Removal of Disparity in the Pay Scales of Pharmacistis in CGHS

4053. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for consideration of upgradation of 25% posts of Pharmacists of CGHS from pay scale of Rs. 1350—2000 to the pay scales of Rs. 1600—2660 in the place of promotion;

(b) whether a larger number of disparity in the pay scales in upgradation of Pharmacists, Pharmacist-cum-clerk, Storekeeper and Storekeeper-cum-clerk working in the pay scales of Rs. 1350—2200, Rs. 1400—2300 and Rs. 1400—2600 have been noticed because all of them have been kept under one pay scale and designation;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and details of such Pharmacists under CGHS working in different pay scales under different designations; and

(d) the action taken by Government for removal of the disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) Prior to 1986, there was a Selection Grade in the scale of Pay of Rs. 1400—2300/- which was abolished after the IVthe Pay Commission's recommendations.

As the issue of creation of promotional avenues for Group 'C' and 'D' posts including Pharmacists was already under consideration of the Vth Central Pay Commission, and there has been stagnation in the cadre of Pharmacists in the CGHS, the Govt. agreed to upgrade 25% posts out of the total posts of Pharmacists in the CGHS.